GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS PIPELINE FROM IRAN
RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has asked the Government to accept a natural gas pipeline crossing through Pakistan boundary;

(b) if so, whether Russia has also informed the Government that ONGC would get preferential treatment in an oil exploration block only if a Russian Firm was considered for bringing piped gas from Iran; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.